



THURSTON COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

Minutes April 15, 2020

1 **1. 6:30 P.M. CALL TO ORDER**

2 Chair Nelson called the April 15, 2020 meeting of the Thurston County Planning
3 Commission to order at 6:30 p.m. Commissioners provided self-introductions.
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5 **Attendance:** Commissioners Jim Simmons, Doug Karman, Ed Fleisher, Eric Casino, Don
6 DeHan and Scott Nelson.
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8 **Absent:** Raul deLeon, Donna Nickerson, Tyle Zuchowski
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10 **Staff:** Jennifer Davis, Maya Teeple, Andrew Deffobis, Shannon Shula
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12 **2. 6:30 P.M. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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14 **MOTION: Commissioner DeHan moved to approve the agenda. Commissioner**
15 **Karman seconded. Motion carried as amended.**
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17 Remove agenda item # 4, "Request a Public Hearing for May 20th".
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19 **3. 6:40 P.M. PUBLIC COMMUNICATIONS (Not associated with topics for which**
20 **public hearings have been held.)**
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22 There were 5 citizens who provided written comment as instructed for this virtual meeting:

- 23 1. Clayton Hill
 - 24 2. Patrick Townsend
 - 25 3. Sonja Sivesind
 - 26 4. Paula Gerstmann
 - 27 5. Laurie Dawson
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29 The official audio is available on line at:

30 [http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.h](http://www.co.thurston.wa.us/planning/planning_commission/planning_comm_minutes.html)
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33 **4. 6:40 P.M. WORK SESSION: A-9 PLANNED INDUSTRIAL DISTRICT CODE**
34 **AMENDMENT**

35 *(Staff: Shannon Shula)*
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37 Ms. Shula presented a powerpoint presentation on the Development Code Docket
38 Amendent A-9: Planned Industrial Park District with background on the project and
39 follow up on the Grand Mound Open House which was held on March 7th. At the Open
40 House staff received 43 comments which all were opposed to the proposed amendment
41 and prisons in general. There were questions and comments by the Planning Commission
42 in regards to the different prisons and facilities in Washington state and their vacancies
43 which Ms. Shula addressed. A discussion ensued. It was confirmed for Planning

1 Commission the next action step will be to ask for a public hearing on this amendment
2 once the Board of County Commissioners confirm it will remain on the 2020-2021
3 docket..
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5 **5. 7:00 P.M. WORK SESSION: SHORELINE MASTER PROGRAM**

6 *(Staff: Andrew Deffobis)*
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8 Mr. Deffobis presented Chapter 19.600 of the draft SMP to walk through each page to gain
9 perspective from the Planning Commission of what items need clarification or changes.
10 There were questions and comments by the Planning Commission which Mr. Deffobis
11 addressed. As requested, he will create an option for the public to consider wider docks to
12 enable wheelchair accessibility in the next draft.
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14 Mr. Deffobis will have more information at the next meeting about the requirements for
15 the SDP and CUP permits and whether or not the Hearing Examiner needs to be involved.
16 He will also look into relocating the language about remodeling residential structures into
17 Ch. 19.400, and verify that the preferred use veribiage in the Residential Development
18 section (19.600.170) is also included in the Aquaculture section.
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20 **6. 7:40 P.M. STAFF UPDATES**

21 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*
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23 Ms. Davis shared the Board of County Commissioners is currently working on setting the
24 2020-2021 docket. All of their briefings and meetings can be found on the Thurston
25 County YouTube channel if anyone is interested. She will bring the official dockets to
26 the PC once it has been finalized. Both of our vacant associate planner positions have
27 been filled and one is currently onboarding remotely which is impressive. To answer the
28 question regarding budget cuts due to Covid-19, we don't know yet what will happen and
29 are awaiting directly from budget staff, but in the meantime the department is working on
30 efficiencies where we can.
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32 Chair Nelson would like any questions or concerns about using the Zoom format for
33 meetings going forward, please send your feedback to staff, who will forward it on to
34 him. He also encouraged the public who are watching to provide their feedback as well.
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36 **7. 7:50 P.M. CALENDAR**

37 *(Staff: Jennifer Davis)*
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39 May 6, 2020: all plan on attending.
40 May 20, 2020: all plan on attending.
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42 **8. 7:50 P.M. ADJOURN**

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44 With there being no further business, Chair Nelson adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m.
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Scott Nelson, Chair